WEDNESDAY May 6th, 2020

TOWN OF FREDERICA

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Glanden called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

(Because this was a Zoom meeting, I polled all Council members and others online to make sure everyone was able to get logged in and ready to go before the meeting started)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Glanden waived reading of the Pledge as a group because it was an online meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor:

Chick Glanden - Present

Secretary:

Pete Rager- Present

Council Members: Ricky Maddox - Present (online)

Poncho Davila – Present (online)

Virginia Simpler- Present (online)

Town Solicitor:

Diana Louder – Present (online)

Bethany Debussy – Present (online)

Mandy Slody – Present (online)

Dustan Russum – Present (online)

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING MINUTES:

Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember Simpler to accept the minutes in written form for the meeting of April 15, 2020. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

WATER DEPT. / TREASURER'S / POLICE / CODE ENF. REPORT:

Water Dept: Dustan reported that everything was going well. They have been painting curbs and painting the wellhouse. He also stated that dumpsters will be delivered Friday for the Town cleanup. Councilmember Maddox with a second by Councilmember Simpler made a motion to accept the Water Dept report. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Code Enforcement: Dustan informed the Council that they are also working on code enforcement complaints and issues. Councilmember Davila made a motion with a second by Councilmember Simpler to accept the Code Enforcement report. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Police Report: No report submitted

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

Mandy Slody presented the following reports:

- 1) Dugan 11 Purnell St. for new roof, replace an 8 x 6 wall and replace 5 windows. Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember Simpler to approve the permit. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.
- 2) Wilson- 112 West Front St. for a new roof (work already done). Councilmember Davila made a motion with a second by Councilmember Maddox to approve the permit. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.
- 3) Roland- 11 Riptide Ct for 12 x 30 deck (HOA approved). Councilmember Rager made a motion with a second by Councilmember Maddox to approve the permit. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.
- 4) Yilmax- 108 Coleman St. for 10 x 12 shed. Councilmember Davila made a motion with a second by Councilmember Simpler to approve the permit. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.\
- 5) Schneider- 284 Hightide Dr. (HOA approved) for a 10 x 12 shed. Councilmember Davila made a motion with a second by Councilmember Maddox to approve the permit. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 20-01: First reading of Ordinance 20-01, an ordinance amending chapter 283. After a brief discussion about the need for updating this ordinance dealing with curfews, Councilmember Rager read the synopsis. Councilmember Rager made a motion with a second by Councilmember Simpler to approve the first reading. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Park Equipment: Dustan explained a DNREC grant for Park equipment and a discussion ensued about plans for the park and liability issues. The town needed to commit to a matching grant (if awarded) and the amount. Councilmember Maddox made a motion to commit \$48,000 to satisfy grant application with a second by Councilmember Davila. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Sustainable Communities Grant: Bethany reported that she has been working on this for 3 years and is on the last stage of the grant. We have DNRECs approval to close out the grant at our next meeting or by June 6th, 2020. Councilmember Maddox asked about the sidewalk project. Bethany replied that the U of D did a sidewalk survey and that we would have to reapply for the sidewalk grant. She said we were not kicked out of the original grant and that it was just a part of the process for the sidewalk project funding. Councilmember Rager made a motion with a second by Councilmember Simpler to table the project. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Budget: Mayor Glanden wanted everyone to review budget and report back to Bethany or Councilmember Simpler before the next meeting. Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember Davila to table the budget. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote. After a discussion about budget deadline per Town charter and review by Ms. Louder, Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember Davila to withdraw the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote. Councilmember Maddox then made a motion with a second by Councilmember Simpler to approve the 2020- 2021 Town Hall budget. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote. Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember Simpler to approve the Public Works budget for 2020-2021. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote. Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember Simpler to approve the Frederica Police budget for 2020-2021. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote. Mayor Glanden then reminded the Council that the budgets are subject to review.

Permit Policy: Mandy Slody reported that she wanted to help streamline the permit procedure for small projects for our residents by being able to approve permits the same day instead of making

them wait till the next meeting, when applicable. Councilmember Maddox asked if Council would be informed of all permits approved by Bethany or Mandy. Mandy replied that if council agreed, a report for all approved permits would be presented at meetings and that HOA approvals would still need to be obtained prior to any approvals. Council agreed that streamlining the permit process would help residents work on their homes instead of holding them up. After review with Ms Louder, all Councilmembers agreed to the new permit procedure.

OLD BUSINESS: None

OPEN FLOOR: Councilmember Rager reported that he submitted a FOIA request that was denied by the State Police dealing with disturbances and police activity at 116 Frog leg ln. He then reported that he was unsure how to proceed. Councilmembers Rager and Davila reported that neighbors of this property are fed up with the disturbances occurring all hours of the day and night. After discussion Mandy Slody found ordinance 151-3 dealing with this issue. After review by Ms. Louder she reported that ord. 151-3 dealing with disorderly properties would be applicable. She also reported that she would try to request the dates and times of offences for that address.

Adjournment: Councilmember Maddox made the motion to adjourn with a second by Councilmember Simpler. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Glanden closed the meeting at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Councilmember Pete Rager
Council Secretary